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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CANADA
FOR BREEDING SHEEP FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. No case of scrapie has been diagnosed in the flock(s) of origin for the last 3 years and the animal(s) is not the progeny of a sire or dam that was infected with scrapie.
2. The United States is free of sheep scabies.
3. All the animals for export, as well as the flock of origin, have been inspected within 30 days prior to the date of export and were found to be free from evidence of scrapie, bluetongue and other communicable disease.
4. Either:
 - a. In the case of bluetongue, the animals have resided at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the bluetongue test in one or more low-incidence States, or in one or more medium-incidence States during the vector-free period.

- OR -

- b. The animals for export have resided in the United States for at least 60 days and, since the date of the first bluetongue test EITHER:

- have been isolated from other ruminants by at least 200 yards if housed or maintained under a roof

OR

- have been isolated from other ruminants by at least 500 yards if not housed or maintained under a roof.

Insecticide impregnated eartags were applied to both ears at the time of the first test for export. (As required in medium-incidence States during the vector period)

- OR -

- c. The animals for export have resided in the United States for at least 60 days and have been isolated from other ruminants by at least 200 yards, housed or maintained under a roof. Insecticide impregnated eartags were applied to both ears at the time of the first test for export. (As required in high-incidence states)
5. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the animals were not exposed to any communicable disease within 60 days preceding the date of inspection

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests:

1. Brucellosis: Complement fixation test for Brucella ovis at the 1:10 dilution within 30 days prior to export.
2. Bluetongue: Refer to the following charts for bluetongue testing and residency requirements, which are based on the bluetongue incidence of each state.

STATUS	PERIOD	TEST	ISOLATION IF REQUIRED	RESIDENCY
LOW-INCI- DENCE	Year Round	1 ELISA test with- in 30 days of export if reside- ncy state- ment can be met, IF NOT 2 AGID tests 30 to 90 days apart with the 2nd within 30 days of export.	None	30 days in any one or more low- incidence State, OR in one or more medi- um incide- nce states during the vector-fr- ee period. (Certifi- cation Statement 4a)
*MEDIUM-I- NCIDENCE	Vector-fr- ee Period	Same as a- bove	None	Same as a- bove
MEDIUM-IN- CIDENCE	Vector Pe- riod	2 ELISA tests 30 to 90 days apart the 2nd test being con- ducted wi- thin 30 d- ays of ex- port.	Isolation from other ruminants of 200 yd- s. if hou- sed under a roof OR 500 yds. if no roo- f. Insect- icide im- pregnated eartags required at the ti- me of fir- st test. (Certific- ation St- atement 4b)	Resident of U.S. for at least 60 days prior to export. (Certific- ation sta- tement 4b)

STATUS	PERIOD	TEST	ISOLATION IF REQUIR- ED	RESIDENCY
*HIGH-INC- IDENCE	Year Round	Same as a- bove	200 yds i- solation under a r- oof from any other ruminants. Insect- icide imp- regnated eartags r- equired at time of f- irst test. (Certific- ation St- atement 4c)	Same as a- bove

OTHER INFORMATION:

LOW-incidence States: ALASKA, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, HAWAII, INDIANA, MAINE, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT, WISCONSIN, AND WEST VIRGINIA

MEDIUM-incidence States/Vector-free Period: October 15 - April 1
COLORADO, IDAHO, ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, MISSOURI, MONTANA, NEBRASKA, NEW MEXICO, NORTH CAROLINA, OKLAHOMA, OREGON, SOUTH DAKOTA, TENNESSEE, UTAH, VIRGINIA, WASHINGTON, WYOMING

HIGH-incidence States: ALABAMA, ARIZONA, ARKANSAS, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, NEVADA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TEXAS

1. IF BT reactor(s) are revealed, the following procedures must be followed:

Remove reactor(s) and isolate remaining negative animals according to the requirements given above per states and vector period. These negative animals are to be retested 30 to 90 days apart. Repeat if more reactor(s) are disclosed.

2. The animals must be moved directly from the premises of test to the U.S./Canadian border.
3. Purebred cattle, sheep and goats may move on only 1 negative AGID test for bluetongue if they meet the following conditions:

- a. They are exported to Canada during the period beginning on October 1 in any year and ending on March 31 in the following year, to be exhibited at a show that is for the purpose of improving the breed other than a rodeo or circus, and
- b. they have not been in a high-incidence state during the 60 days preceding the date of importation, and
- c. they have proved negative to an ELISA test for bluetongue performed within 30 days preceding the date of importation, and
- d. they may only remain in Canada for 21 days after the date of importation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LAMBS AND KIDS

Lambs or kids born in isolation facilities between the first and second bluetongue test, or born after the completion of testing but prior to shipment, must be identified by official eartags with the dam on the health certificate. Such animals do not require any test provided they are less than 120 days of age at the time of exportation.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP AND GOATS RETURNING TO CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES

1. Sheep and goats will be permitted reentry into Canada if accompanied by their original Canadian Health Certificate and if returned within 30 days following the date of entry into the United States.
2. Sheep and goats returned to Canada between 30 and 60 days from the date of their entry into the United States must be certified on a U.S. Origin Health Certificate (VS 17-140). All animals must be negative to a test for bluetongue conducted within 30 days prior to their return to Canada. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must show the date the animals were originally imported from Canada. The Canadian health certificate on which the animals originally entered the United States shall be attached.
3. When more than 60 days have elapsed since the date of entry into the United States from Canada, the animals shall be certified as U.S. origin livestock.

SHEEP AND GOATS FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER

No health certificate is required for sheep and goats exported for immediate slaughter which are consigned from the port of entry direct to an establishment registered under the Meat Inspection Act of Canada. They are to be slaughtered in that establishment within 4 days following the date of their arrival at the establishment.

IDENTIFICATION

Canada requires that all sheep and goats be identified by official USDA metal identification tags or breed association registration tattoos. Other available identification should also be listed on the health certificate.